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From the Private Secretary

14 December 1984

India ATP: DESU Gas Turbines

The Prime Minister has considered the correspondence on this subject between the Minister of Trade, the Minister of Overseas Development and the Chief Secretary, as well as the oral views conveyed by the Foreign Secretary.

The Prime Minister takes the view that ATP should be offered in support of the bids by GEC/Rolls Royce and John Brown Engineering. She is particularly influenced in this by the fact that, with the current difficulties over the Chauhan matter, British companies will need all the help they can get in winning business in India, and this could be a critical case for us.

I am copying this letter to Callum McCarthy and Steve Nicklen (Department of Trade and Industry), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury), Michael McCulloch (Overseas Development Administration), John Graham (Scottish Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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